

WHAT DO THE DEADLINES MEAN?

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE? In about a week, each property owner with a violation will receive an official warning Notice or a Notice & Order with a cleanup deadline. **The Notice will give owners 18 days to fix any violations that may exist in their portion of the alley.** After the deadline, if our inspectors find any violations, a citation may be issued and/or our contractor will clean the alley. We will also bill the property owner for cleaning their portion of the alley.

WHAT IF I CLEAN MY ALLEY BY THE DEADLINE? **Thank you! We greatly appreciate your effort.** You are helping to create a safe and beautiful city! We recommend that you check your portion of the alley regularly for weeds, trash, litter, rubbish, debris, and trees or shrubs which may overhang into the alley.

WHAT IF I DON'T CLEAN MY ALLEY BY THE DEADLINE? Please clean your half of the alley by the deadline on any notice received; otherwise, a City contractor will clean your alley and/or an administrative citation (\$200, \$500, or \$800) may be issued.

WHAT IF THE CITY CLEANS MY ALLEY?

THE CITY CONTRACTOR CLEANS MY ALLEY, WILL I BE BILLED? **YES.** That is why we encourage you to make arrangements privately. Your costs are likely to be lower, too. If the work is done by a City contractor, you will be billed for the work plus the City's administrative cost.

Please note that if your portion of the alley is partially cleaned, a citation may be issued and/or a City contractor hired to finish the work. The property owner will be billed for the cleanup.

WHAT IF I HIRE SOMEONE?

WHAT IF I HIRE SOMEONE TO CLEAN MY ALLEY? To help the person who will be cleaning your portion of the alley, we recommend that you give them a copy of this brochure. This will help them in doing a good job. Also, please check the alley yourself, so that you can be assured that the alley has been cleaned according to the City's standards.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD MY ALLEY BE CLEANED?

Keeping alleys clean is a year-round requirement for all property owners.



*The weeds along this fence line need to be removed. Also, however, this owner has recently repaired his fence.
Thank you!*

ALLEY OBSTRUCTIONS

In addition to keeping your alley clear of any trash, debris, weeds, rubbish, trees and/or shrubbery; it is also required that you keep your alley clear of any other obstructions. (Such as parked cars, RVs, storage containers, etc.)

WHO CAN I CALL IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

For general questions, please call our main line at 621-8400,

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We are available to answer any questions you may have. If you receive a warning Notice or a Notice & Order, please call the Inspector at the number listed on your Notice, during their office hours.



Help us help you keep your neighborhood look like it did when it was NEW !!

This alley has litter/rubbish that needs to be removed & weeds that also need to be removed.



COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

ALLEY REQUIREMENTS

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

Community Revitalization Division
Development and Resource
Management Department

*The Community Revitalization Division
can be contacted at:
(559) 621-8400
Fax (559) 488-1078*

*or visit the City's website at:
www.fresno.gov*

WHY IS THE CITY IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

The role of the City of Fresno's Community Revitalization Division, is to work with residents to help make neighborhoods clean and safe. Some property owners do not know that the Fresno Municipal Code requires them to keep the alley clean and completely free of any obstructions to traffic. This brochure has been developed to answer the most commonly

asked questions.



This alley needs to be cleaned of junk, litter, debris, weeds and overhanging trees.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING THE ALLEY?

All property owners are responsible for cleaning their half of the alley. This means that the alley must be cleared of weeds, trash, litter, rubbish, and debris. Also, trim any overhanging trees or shrubs. ***We understand that sometimes the property owner may not have caused the violation that exists on their part of the alley.*** We share your frustration and Code Enforcement staff can offer suggestions to help prevent future violations.



These branches need to be cut down to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles, and the weeds need to be removed.



This fence needs to be repaired. It is a hazard to the public, especially children.

I THOUGHT THAT ALLEYS WERE CLEANED BY THE CITY?

Alleys are a public right-of-way, which means that they are used by everyone, not just the people that live nearby. However, alleys are considered part of the property, and the owner must keep the property clean and free from Code violations (see the Fresno Municipal Code, Section 10-603).

WHY DO I NEED TO CLEAN MY ALLEY?

Debris in alleys can be a health hazard by inviting rodents. It can also be a dangerous fire hazard, and encourage illegal dumping. Alley with rubbish and junk obstruct emergency vehicles.



This alley has junk, litter, and weeds that need to be removed, and a fence that needs to be repaired.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Thank you for doing your part. We appreciate you checking your portion of the alley. Please remove any weeds (especially along the fence line), and haul away any trash, junk or debris, including discarded tires, couches, mattresses, etc. Also, please trim overhanging trees or shrubs back behind the fence line and haul away the trimmings. Backyard fences are required to be in good, solid condition. If it needs repair, please repair it so that it is not a hazard to the public, especially children.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY ALLEY IS CLEANED WELL ENOUGH?

To help you, we have included photographs of typical problems or violations. You can also call us, and we will be happy to inspect your alley.

HOW FAR DO I HAVE TO TRIM MY OVERHANGING TREES OR BUSHES? Please trim your bushes or trees back behind your fence, and upward to 15 feet. This allows vehicles (emergency vehicles, etc.) to get through safely. **DO NOT TRIM LIMBS TOUCHING POWER LINES. BE SAFE AND CONTACT YOUR UTILITY COMPANY FIRST.**



WHAT IF I HAVE A BROKEN FENCE?

Existing fences need to be in good repair.

Broken fences can be hazardous, especially to children.

MY ALLEY IS GATED, AM I STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING IT?

Yes. Maintenance of gated alleys is the same as non-gated alleys. Property owners must keep their gated alleys free from weeds, trash, litter, rubbish, and debris, and trim trees and shrubs which overhang into the alley

We realize that many property owners already clean their alleys regularly. Thank you!!



This overhanging tree needs to be trimmed back behind the fence line, and upward to 15 feet.

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